

Howard Duvall is a product of the small South Carolina town of Cheraw, known to many as the birthplace of music legend Dizzy Gillespie. Howard left Cheraw to pursue an education, earning a B.A. in political science from the Citadel and an M.P.A. from the University of South Carolina. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force for 4 years, and continued his service as a member of the South Carolina Air National Guard for 3 years. Howard returned to Cheraw to work in his family's hardware business, and launched a life of public service soon thereafter. In 1974, Howard was elected a member of the Cheraw Town Council. Six years later, he was elected mayor of his beloved hometown.

In June 1986, Governor Dick Riley tapped Howard to serve as his executive assistant. In 1987, he was appointed to the South Carolina Tax Commission, and later that year, he became the director of Intergovernmental Relations for the South Carolina Municipal Association. This move became Howard's calling for the rest of his career. In 1992, he became the executive director of the Municipal Association, and has remained in that post for the last 16 years.

During this time, Howard's family has been his source of support. He has been married to Allianne Turner since 1965, and the two are the proud parents of two daughters and the grandparents of two.

Madam Speaker, I invite you and my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Howard Duvall for an outstanding career of public service. Howard has demonstrated a strong commitment to the small cities and towns that make South Carolina such a wonderful place to live, work and recreate. His leadership has made our State and Nation a better place, and his daily guidance will be sorely missed. I am proud to call Howard a friend, and I wish him a wonderful retirement and much happiness in his future endeavors.

HONORING ROBERT AMSDEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize, Robert Amsden a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Robert has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Robert has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Robert Amsden for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, on September 9, 2008, I missed rollcall votes numbered 567, bill to designate the United States courthouse located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, as the "Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr., United States Courthouse", 568, a bill to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the "Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse"; and 569, the Child Soldiers Accountability Act of 2007.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 567, 568, and 569.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, on September 15, 2008, I missed three rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 1200, "yea" on H. Con. Res. 390 and "yea" on H.R. 6889.

COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students, administrators, staff, and alumni of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam (AOLG) as they celebrate their sixtieth anniversary. Founded in September 8, 1948 by Bishop Apollinaris William Baumgartner, OFM Cap. and Sister Inez Underwood, RSM the AOLG is renowned for its college preparatory curriculum and continues as the sole Catholic high school for young women on Guam.

The AOLG is named after the patron saint of Guam, Santa Marian Kamalan, also known as Our Lady of Camarin. The 300 year old statue of Our Lady of Camarin is an icon in Chamorro culture. The AOLG lives the name of Our Lady of Camarin through the school's Christian centered approach to education and through a curriculum focusing on the development of the overall well being of its students.

The AOLG continues to excel in both academics and athletics. Over 90 percent of AOLG graduates pursue post-secondary education, and a growing number are accepted by the leading educational institutions.

More so, the AOLG has produced distinguished alumni in the fields of law, medicine, government, and engineering, as well as leaders in the business community.

I commend the Academy of Our Lady of Guam for its 60 years of continued service

and excellence to the people of Guam. I congratulate Academy of Our Lady of Guam President, Sr. Francis Jerome Cruz, R.S.M. and Principal Mary Meeks for their stewardship in the education of Guam's exceptional women. God bless the Academy of Our Lady of Guam and may they enjoy many more years of service to the people of Guam.

CONGRATULATING CARLOS ZAMBRANO ON PITCHING A NO-HITTER

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carlos Zambrano of the Chicago Cubs on his no-hitter against the Houston Astros on Sunday. In addition to being Zambrano's first no-hitter, it was also the first no-hitter pitched by a Cub since 1972 and only the second in the majors this season. In throwing what some are calling a Zambrano-no, he led the Cubs in a 5-0 victory at Miller Park in Milwaukee.

Perhaps most remarkable about Zambrano's performance on Sunday is the unusual circumstances surrounding the game. Not only had Zambrano missed the last two weeks of games with a sore rotator cuff, but the devastation wrought by Hurricane Ike in Houston also forced Major League Baseball to relocate the game to Milwaukee. The crowd of over 23,000 was comprised of a lot of Cubs fans, and all of us Cubs fans are thankful that the Brewers opened up Miller Park for the occasion, and more importantly, we are thankful that the Astros players, fans and families were able to take their minds off of the storm for a few hours to share baseball history with us.

Carlos Zambrano made his major league debut for the Cubs in 2001 as a 20-year-old and has spent his entire professional career thus far with his hometown Chicago Cubs. He quickly made his mark as a premier pitcher in the league, earning a spot as a starter in 2003 and becoming the youngest Chicago Cub to pitch in an All-Star Game the next season. He is known not only for his abilities on the mound, but also for his enthusiasm for the game and his prowess with the bat.

On Sunday, Zambrano struck out 10 and walked one and was aided by the stellar defense of his teammates—specifically Derek Lee and Mark DeRosa, who both made great plays to keep the no-hitter alive. But in the end, Zambrano showed that his shoulder was A-OK as he continued to throw pitches upward of 95 miles per hour into the 9th inning, striking out the final batter of the game en route to his 14th victory of the season, putting the Cubs 7½ games up in the National League Central Division going into today's game.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Cubs' neighbors in Lakeview and throughout Chicagoland, I congratulate Carlos Zambrano and all of his Chicago Cubs teammates the first Cubs no-hitter in 36 years.